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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Georgia (S/1998/1012 and Add.1)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Morning* 3943rd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1998/1029)

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3.30 p.m. 5th meeting* (closed) Conference Room 7

* Immediately after the meeting, the Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.

56th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105] (A/53/12 and Add.1, A/53/325, A/53/328, A/53/413, A/53/486 and A/53/494)

Conclusion of general discussion

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.37

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36

(g) Cultural development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3
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1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson (A/53/302)

Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/19)

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok (A/52/579, A/53/347 and A/53/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [163] (A/53/191, A/53/454 and A/53/654)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/53/428)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155] (A/53/37, A/53/314 and Corr.1, Corr. 2 and Add.1, A/53/66-S/1998/115, A/53/71, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311 A/53/117-S/1998/371, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/285, A/53/300, A/53/341, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/C.6/53/2, A/C.6/53/3, A/C.6/53/4, A/C.6/53/5, A/C.6/53/6, A/C.6/53/7, A/C.6/53/9, A/53/489, A/53/532-S/1998/984, A/C.6/53/L.4, A/53/552-S/1998/1010, A/53/560-S/1998/1019 and A/53/646)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
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Jurisdictional immunities

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Integrated management information system project (IMIS)

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	241st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
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UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999 today*, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 12 November 1998

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

ARAB GROUP

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

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WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

Informal consultations

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 3

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of United Nations personnel and other humanitarian personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 12 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

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1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) *today*, 12 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

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WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

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3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room E

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Friday, 13 November 1998***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-third session***Committees****FIRST COMMITTEE**

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2
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**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
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3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 3
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Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 4
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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 13 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 1999 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Friday, 13 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The 195th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Security of missions and the safety of their personnel; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), no later than Monday, 16 November 1998.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session*List of speakers*

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment or for the first week of the session will be open in New York on Monday, 16 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on a brainstorming session on desertification*) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work)*) on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Friday, 13 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Development and Human Rights: A View from the World Bank", in response to the Third Committee's debate on agenda item 110 (Human rights questions), with particular focus on the right to development, by Mr. Louis Forget, Legal Adviser on Institutional Affairs (World Bank). The presentation, organized by the World Bank, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be an informal presentation on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan. The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

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There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

In conjunction with agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the cooperation of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), there will be a panel discussion on the human, ecological and economic problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan and UNDP Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The main speaker will be H.E. Mr. Serikbek Daukeev, Minister of Ecology of Kazakhstan. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

27th meeting

The representative of Mongolia introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2.

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.12/Rev.1.

The representative of Nepal introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.5/Rev.1.

The representative of Bangladesh withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.46 (amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.5).

The representatives of Canada, Chile, the Republic of Korea and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2.

The representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile, India, Pakistan and South Africa made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

Operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45 was adopted by 133 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 100 votes to 25, with 23 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.23/Rev.1 was adopted by 57 votes to 41, with 39 abstentions.

Preambular paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39/Rev.1 was adopted by 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions. Operative paragraph 3 (b) was adopted by 80 votes to 46, with 17 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 82 to 44, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.12/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

THIRD COMMITTEE

41st meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Colombia, Indonesia, Canada, Costa Rica, Belarus, Togo, New Zealand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Australia, the Republic of Moldova, Cyprus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Ethiopia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e).

Right of reply

The representatives of the Sudan, China, Cuba, Algeria, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, Eritrea, Malaysia, Singapore, Turkey, Ethiopia, Cyprus and Greece made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Wednesday, 11 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

18th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Canada, Turkey, Tunisia, Israel, Japan, Viet Nam, Kuwait, the United States, Bahrain, Cyprus, China and Indonesia.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman drew attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.9 and L.10.

Norway and Cyprus became co-sponsors to draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.10.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a statement.

Organization of work

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 5 p.m. the same day as deadline for submission of the pending draft resolutions on agenda item 83.

Based on consultations of the Chairman with delegations concerned, the Committee also agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman to take action on all the draft resolutions relating, respectively, to agenda items 83 and 84 on Friday, 20 November, in the morning.

The Committee also decided on the arrangements concerning the documentation related to agenda item 84.

THIRD COMMITTEE

42nd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in which the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Netherlands, India, the Sudan, Spain, Senegal, Ireland, Turkey and Sweden took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), the United States, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Norway.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

43rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 105 and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Brazil, China, Guatemala, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Sudan, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Turkey and Canada.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the International Organization for Migration.

The observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded about the deadline (11 November at 6 p.m.) for the submission of draft comments on the revisions to the medium-term plan, as enunciated in the letter of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.3/53/10).

The Committee was also reminded that action on outstanding draft resolutions would be taken on Friday, 13 November, in the morning.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

24th meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on respect for the privileges

and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations: safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (A/53/501).

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Mozambique and Burundi.

Other matters

The Secretary of the Committee read out a letter from the Chief of Security and Safety Services in response to queries raised by the delegations of Costa Rica and Egypt.

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Corrigendum to the agenda of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee (see *Journal* No 1998/217, p. 2): the agenda item should have read as follows:

Human resources management [119]

SIXTH COMMITTEE 25th and 26th meetings

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155]

The report of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee was introduced by its Chairman.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries, the associated country of Cyprus, and the European Free Trade Association countries, Iceland and Norway), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation, the Sudan, France, Algeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Yemen, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey, Kuwait, Bangladesh, South Africa, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Maldives, Tunisia, Bahrain and Fiji.

Right of reply

The representatives of the United States and of the Sudan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session [151]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.7

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.7, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.7 was adopted without a vote.

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [156]

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Mauritius (11 November 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Marshall Islands (11 November 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 12 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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Friday, 13 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General in Africa

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1999 PROGRAMMES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

1st meeting

Conference Room 4

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance (item 20)*

3 p.m.

closed meeting

Economic and Social
Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

30th meeting

Conference
Room 210 a.m.-
11.30 a.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 63 p.m.-
6 p.m.

31st meeting

Conference
Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.31 (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.32 (UNITAR) (item 96 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.33 (Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development) (item 93 (f))

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)11.30 a.m.-
1 p.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 6

3 p.m.

19th meeting

Conference
Room 4

Questions relating to information [86] (A/53/21, A/53/509)

General debate

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.16 (Implementation of the United Nations Convention on Desertification) (item 94 (e)); A/C.2/53/L.37 (Proclamation of international years) (item 12); A/C.2/53/L.38 (Proclamation of the year 2002 as the International Year of Ecotourism) (item 12)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 46th meeting Conference
Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.30 and L.31

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.33

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

6. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.24 and L.25

7. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.21

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 26th meeting Conference
Room 3

1. Human resources management [119] (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Introduction and continuation of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/53/428)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson (A/53/302)

Action on oral draft proposal by the Chairman

Morning* - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 165 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/34, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180))

3 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
5 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27))

5 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- informal consultations Conference
12 noon (closed) Room 7

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.5* submitted under agenda item 149 (c) (United Nations Decade of International Law: Draft guiding principles for international negotiations)

12 noon- informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 7

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3 submitted under agenda item 154 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization)

3 p.m. 29th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146] (A/53/287)

Afternoon*- informal consultations Trusteeship
6 p.m. (closed) Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report (Publications)

2. Draft report (Oversight)

3. Executive session on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

4. Executive session on: internal vacancies in the Secretariat; employment of retirees; consultants and individual contractors; and comprehensive guidelines for the use of consultants in the Secretariat

5. Executive session on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on the budgetary practices and procedures

6. Executive session on procurement reform

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

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Friday, 13 November 1998

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) *today*, 13 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

Special event

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

The Department of Public Information will inaugurate United Nations websites in Arabic and Chinese at the conclusion of the 19th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) *today*, 13 November 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

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WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room E

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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

5 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 16 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20]:

- (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)].
- (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);
 - (ii) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.1, L.27, L.29*, L.30*, L.31*, L.32*, L.33*);
- (c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/346) [20 (c)].
- (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)].

* To be issued.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

The 195th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Security of missions and the safety of their personnel; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session*List of speakers*

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment or for the first week of the session will be open in New York on Monday, 16 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on a brainstorming session on desertification*) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work)*) on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Development and Human Rights: A View from the World Bank", in response to the Third Committee's debate on agenda item 110 (Human rights questions), with particular focus on the right to development, by Mr. Louis Forget, Legal Adviser on Institutional Affairs (World Bank). The presentation, organized by the World Bank, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be an informal presentation on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan. The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

In conjunction with agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the cooperation of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), there will be a panel discussion on the human, ecological and economic problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan and UNDP Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The main speaker will be H.E. Mr. Serikbek Daukeev, Minister of Ecology of Kazakhstan. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, in collaboration with the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for all States parties and signatory States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, to discuss and review a draft of Article 7 (Transparency measures). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3943rd meeting

The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1998/1029)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Tajikistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1063, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Tajikistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1063).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1063) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1206 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

56th plenary meeting

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bolivia, Canada, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Norway, Rwanda, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Assembly decided, on a proposal by the President, to postpone to the afternoon the balloting for two seats from among the Eastern European States.

57th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Since two seats from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Bulgaria	107
Czech Republic	85
Republic of Moldova	67
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	60

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Bulgaria	128
Czech Republic	109
Republic of Moldova	54
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	30

On the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bulgaria was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	<i>Votes</i>
Czech Republic	117
Republic of Moldova	38

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two thirds majority, the Czech Republic was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999: Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Norway, Rwanda, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), originally scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 November 1998, would be taken up on Monday morning, 23 November 1998, as the second item.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

28th meeting

The representatives of Algeria, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Oman, Pakistan, South Africa and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements on organizational matters.

The representative of the United States introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1 was adopted by 136 votes to none, with 8 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

29th meeting

The representative of India introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.55, L.57 and L.58 (amendments to A/C.1/53/L.22).

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.56 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.22).

The representative of Pakistan introduced, also on behalf of India, draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.61 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.22).

The representative of Zimbabwe introduced, also on behalf of Nigeria and Zambia, draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.62 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.22).

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

A motion of no action on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.52 was adopted by 63 votes to 60, with 13 abstentions.

The representative of India withdrew draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.55 and L.57.

A motion of no action on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.56 was adopted by 62 votes to 51, with 18 abstentions.

A motion of no action on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.58 was adopted by 60 votes to 49, with 21 abstentions.

The representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of India, withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.61.

A motion of no action on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.62 was adopted by 59 votes to 57, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 was adopted by 98 votes to 6, with 31 abstentions.

SECOND COMMITTEE

38th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.37

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

45th meeting

(d) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) *Cultural development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Uruguay introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that action would be taken on Monday, 16 November, in the morning, on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.22, A/C.2/53/L.23 and A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1.

The representatives of Belarus and Poland informed the Committee that their delegations wished to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34.

The representative of Norway informed the Committee that her delegation wished to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23.

The representative of Kazakhstan informed the Committee that the Islamic Republic of Iran, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34.

THIRD COMMITTEE

44th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Croatia, Egypt, Benin, Senegal, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Pakistan.

Statements were also made by the representative of the World Food Programme and by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 105 and heard statements by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Guinea, Liechtenstein, Belarus, Kenya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Armenia, Ethiopia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Venezuela, India and Algeria.

A statement was also made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 105.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Morocco, Ethiopia and Algeria.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

25th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/302).

The Chairman of the Committee proposed that the Committee take note of the report of the Secretary-General on a cost-benefit analysis on the use of existing conference facilities available at the Palais Wilson at Geneva (A/53/302).

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Chairman informed the Committee that action on the draft decision he had proposed would be taken at a later stage.

Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/19).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that it would revert to this question following informal consultations.

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/579 and A/53/347).

The related report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/53/7/Add.5.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to a question posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the construction of conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok, contained in documents A/52/579 and A/53/347, and to endorse the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/7/Add.5).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [163]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/454).

The related report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/53/654.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 16 November, in the morning, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gabrielle Duschner (Canada).

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Cuba and Iraq.

Other matters

The representatives of Cuba, Panama and Pakistan made statements regarding their request for a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/414. The representative of Panama also referred to the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on documents A/53/526, A/53/385, A/53/548 and A/53/327.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement regarding security procedures at Headquarters and of the management of facilities at United Nations Headquarters.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement regarding the pending report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on annex II of the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/1009).

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Following a statement by the representative of Algeria and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to request the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to consider the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/53/414).

The Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding documents A/53/327, A/53/385, A/53/526 and A/53/548 would be issued shortly.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

27th and 28th meetings

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Croatia, Indonesia, the Philippines, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Hungary, the Niger, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Poland, Brazil, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Ukraine, Australia, Japan, Haiti, Angola and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Right of reply

The representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. [154]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

241st meeting

Consideration of draft resolutions on Bethlehem 2000 and the question of Palestine

The representative of Afghanistan (Acting Chairman) opened the meeting and introduced draft resolutions on Bethlehem 2000, the programme of work of the Committee, the Division for Palestinian Rights and the Department of Public Information and on the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The representative of Senegal, as well as the Permanent Observer of Palestine, made statements.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1998

348th and 349th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (CAT/C/16/Add.7). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 1998

350th and 351st meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (CAT/C/16/Add.7).

The Committee also considered the initial report of Iceland (CAT/C/37/Add.2). In accordance with rules 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994. 30 March 1994

Extension to 30 September 1999 of the time-limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval for Governments which are applying the Agreement provisionally.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: United States of America (12 November 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 14 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
	Iraq	
	Other matters	

Monday, 16 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839, S/1998/990 and S/1998/1040)	
	Other matters	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20]:

(continued overleaf)

- (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];
- (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);
 - (ii) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, L.27, L.29, L.30/Rev.1, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.36);
- (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 20th meeting Conference
Room 2

Questions relating to information [86] (A/53/21, A/53/509)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 39th meeting Conference
Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39
2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]
(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s
Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23
3. Training and research [96]
(a) United Nations University
Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1
4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]
Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

5. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/374, A/C.2/53/6, A/53/664)
6. Programme planning [114] (A/53/16, A/53/6, Programmes 18, 20 and 28, A/C.2/53/5)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 47th meeting Conference
Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27
2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.32, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.42, L.44 and L.48
3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45
4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]
Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.30 and L.31
5. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1 (programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.56)

6. Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26**

7. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III, IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/53/428)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- informal consultations Conference Room 5
1 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (A/53/191, A/53/454 and A/53/654))

3 p.m.- 28th meeting Conference Room 3
6 p.m.

1. Human resources management [119] (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/664, A/53/7/Add.4 and A/C.5/53/30)

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30 and (A/C.5/53/4)

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6)

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1999 (A/C.5/53/29)

Administrative and financial implications arising from recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/53/3 and A/53/511)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/53/3, Chapters I, VIII (sections B and C) and XI)

Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 30th meeting Conference Room 4

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [147] (A/53/276 and Corr.1)

Morning*- informal consultations Conference Room 4
11.30 a.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

11.30 a.m.- 12 noon Conference Room 4

[Presentation of electronic treaty database]

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

12 noon-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

3 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 4

United Nations Decade of International Law [149] (A/53/332 and Add.1, A/53/492, A/53/525)

Action of the following draft proposals: A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1, L.10, L.11 and L.12

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Human resources management reform

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. 195th meeting Conference Room 8

1. Security of missions and the safety of their personnel
2. Other matters

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

2.30 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (A/C.3/53/L.58) (agenda item 110 (b)) on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

The Coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 16 November 1998

ARAB GROUP (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on international trade and development (A/C.2/53/L.26))

12 noon-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

GROUP OF 77 (on the Bali Declaration and the Plan of Action on Regional and Sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 6

GROUP OF 77 (on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

GROUP OF THE ISLAMIC STATES

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Coordination meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-
8 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 6

Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Development and Human Rights: A View from the World Bank", in response to the Third Committee's debate on agenda item 110 (Human rights questions), with particular focus on the right to development, by Mr. Louis Forget, Legal Adviser on Institutional Affairs (World Bank). The presentation, organized by the World Bank, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be an informal presentation on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan. The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the cooperation of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), there will be a panel discussion on the human, ecological and economic problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan and UNDP Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The main speaker will be H.E. Mr. Serikbek Daukeev, Minister of Ecology of Kazakhstan. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.28).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 48th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 49th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 32nd meeting Conference Room 4

3 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special

segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment or for the first week of the session will be open in New York on Monday, 16 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on a brainstorming session on desertification*) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work)*) on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 pm. in Conference Room 8.

Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, in collaboration with the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for all States parties and signatory States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, to discuss and review a draft of Article 7 (Transparency measures). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 13 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

30th meeting

The representative of India introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2.

The representative of Japan introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1.

The representative of Ireland introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2 was adopted 67 votes to 0, with 53 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 68 votes to 44, with 12 abstentions.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.54 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1).

Preambular paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1 was adopted 125 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions. Operative paragraph 1 was adopted 136 to 3, with 4 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 132 to 0, with 11 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1 was adopted 132 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions. Operative paragraph 17 was adopted 130 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 97 votes to 19, with 32 abstentions.

31st meeting

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

The representative of New Zealand, on behalf of its co-sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.11.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.53 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.11).

The representative of India withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.64 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.11).

The representative of New Zealand orally introduced draft decision A/C.1/53/L.65.

Draft decision A/C.1/53/L.65 was adopted by 135 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.51 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1).

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Conclusion of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement and declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-third session closed.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

19th meeting

Questions relating to information [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/509.

The representative of Belarus, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/21/Rev.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information made a statement.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Ukraine, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group) and the United Arab Emirates.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 18 November, the Committee would begin consideration of the last item on the

agenda namely, item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE

46th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.30

The representative of Mozambique introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.31

The representative of the Sudan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Niger, Nigeria and Turkey.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.33

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

Azerbaijan, Benin, Botswana, Bhutan, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Georgia, Guinea, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, Poland, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Uruguay further orally revised and corrected the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Cuba.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/53/281 and thus concluded its consideration of item 106.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.24

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The Secretary then read out the revisions which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

A/C.3/53/L.25

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Indonesia orally revised the text.

Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Egypt, Ethiopia and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed of the draft resolutions on which action would be taken on Monday, 16 November.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

26th meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that office on the audit of the employment of retirees (A/53/642).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Croatia, India, Togo, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Ukraine, China, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Thailand, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Egypt and Kuwait.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services made a statement and responded to questions posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on a cost-benefit analysis on the use of existing conference facilities at the Palais Wilson at Geneva (A/53/302).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Italy and Egypt.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [153]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9.

The Chairman also spoke.

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

*Ratification: Indonesia (12 November 1998)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Peru (13 November 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sudan

H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:

Oman

H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:

Romania

H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo

Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:

Australia

H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839, S/1998/990, S/1998/1040 and S/1998/1082)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.28).

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

Conference
Room 2

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.38, L.43, L.47, L.59 and L.61

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.32, L.36, L.42, L.44 and L.48

Conference
Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Conference
Room 6

Conference
Room 5Conference
Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Conference
Room 4

United Nations Decade of International Law [149] (A/53/332 and Add.1, A/53/492, A/53/525, A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1, L.12 and L.14)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1, L.8/Rev.1, L.12 and L.14

Conference
Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.52, L.54 and L.55

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.46 and L.50

Conference
Room 4

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
[152] (A/53/26 and A/C.6/53/L.13)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.9 and L.13

Afternoon*- informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Sixth Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management reform

2. United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) (Working paper)

3. Draft report

4. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-		Conference
9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Room 5
1.45 p.m.-		Conference
2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 5

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-		Conference
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

9.30 a.m.-		Conference
10 a.m.	closed meeting	Room 9

Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

Morning*-		Conference
1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

Briefing

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.-		Trusteeship
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Council Chamber

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, will brief the interested delegations on his recent mission to Central America and the United Nations efforts to mobilize international response to the countries affected by Hurricane Mitch *today*, 17 November 1998, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, in collaboration with the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for all States parties and signatory States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, to discuss and review a draft of Article 7 (Transparency measures). The meeting will take place *today*, 17 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

Fifty-third session

General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/53/L.37)* [157].
2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));
 - (b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2).

* To be issued.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.		

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on a brainstorming session on desertification*) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work)*) on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Informal presentation

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Symposium

A symposium on a Universal Networking Language (an electronic language accessible to Internet users and compatible with standard network servers), organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University, will be held on Thursday, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Canada and Costa Rica on their intersessional initiative will be held on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 16 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

58th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20];

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)];*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.31, A/53/L.32, A/53/L.33, A/53/L.36);*

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)]*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.26/Rev.2.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1 and A/53/L.36.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mexico, Ukraine and China.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Malaysia, India, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein and Bangladesh.

59th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20];

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)];*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.31, A/53/L.32, A/53/L.33, A/53/L.36);*

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)]*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), the United States, Norway, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Cuba, Tajikistan, Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liberia and Israel.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at the 58th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.36, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.32 and A/53/L.36 (resolutions 53/1 D to I).

The Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/213).

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions A/53/L.31 and A/53/L.33 would be considered at a later date.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

20th meeting

Questions relating to information [86]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, Cuba, Ghana, Viet Nam, Azerbaijan, Japan, Singapore, Belarus, Israel, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 members of CARICOM, which are members of the United Nations), Romania and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SECOND COMMITTEE

39th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Argentina, Burkina Faso, Egypt, the Philippines and Senegal had joined in sponsoring it.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that Austria (on behalf of the European Union) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and informed the Committee that Japan and the United States had joined in sponsoring it.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 (e).

Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24 and drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1.

The representative of Tunisia informed the Committee that his delegation had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and informed the Committee that Morocco and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring it.

The representative of Morocco took the floor on a point of order.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representatives of Malta, Oman and Bahrain informed the Committee that they had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote, before the vote, were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 116 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The representatives of Suriname, Guyana and Lebanon informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Bulgaria informed the Committee that his delegation aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) in explanation of vote, after the vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and had before it documents A/C.2/53/6 and A/53/664.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union; the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Norway, aligned themselves with this statement), Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States and Egypt.

The Chairman made a statement.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the representative of Japan made a statement. At the request of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee decided to postpone discussion of the item.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next formal meeting would be announced in the *Journal*.

THIRD COMMITTEE

47th meeting

Note: The summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/222).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

27th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. V.K. Shunglu, Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, introduced the reports of the Board (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/53/335 and Add.1).

The Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General on Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/53/513 and A/53/508).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 1 p.m.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Algeria.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria on behalf of the European Union.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

28th meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Egypt, Japan, the Philippines, Yemen, Jamaica, Azerbaijan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/664, A/C.5/53/30 and A/53/7/Add.4)

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Officer-in-Charge for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/374).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.4).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Romania, Cyprus, Japan, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Ukraine.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) stated that the Group's statement on the issue would be delivered at a later meeting.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Algeria.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to questions posed

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30, A/C.5/53/4)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to a question posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission in the context of its consultations on the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30).

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.6).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it had concluded its general discussion on this question and that informal consultations would be held at a later date.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1999 (A/C.5/53/29)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Indonesia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to approve the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1999, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B (Disarmament) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and financial implications arising from recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/53/3)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/511).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in the context of its consultations on the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/53/9).

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

A/53/3, Chapters I, VIII (sections B and C) and X

Following a statement by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the Chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) which were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this issue.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

30th and 31st meetings

Note: The summary of the 30th and 31st meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/222).

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

195th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Security of missions and the safety of their personnel

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Chief of the Safety and Security Service made a statement and responded to questions raised by delegations.

The Chairman also spoke.

Other matters

Statements were made by the observer for Belarus and the representative of the United States.

The Chairman also spoke.

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-first session

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FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1998

352nd and 353rd meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Croatia (CAT/C/33/Add.4). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

*Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Con-
vention [6]*

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1998

354th and 355th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee considered the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (CAT/C/44/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

*Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Con-
vention [6]*

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1998

29th and 30th meetings

The nineteenth session of the Committee was declared open by the Chairman.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/1998/9.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee considered and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/1998/L.2), as amended during the discussion.

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations with respect to the reports scheduled for consideration at the nineteenth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

*Ratification: Jordan (13 November 1998)**

*Ratification: Paraguay (13 November 1998)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

*Ratification: Costa Rica (11 November 1998)**

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

*Approval: Cuba (19 October 1998)**

*Ratification: Costa Rica (11 November 1998)**

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

*Ratification: Belgium (13 November 1998)**

*Ratification: Poland (13 November 1998)**

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

*Ratification: Belgium (13 November 1998)**

*Ratification: Poland (13 November 1998)**

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Tuvalu (16 November 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries today, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of

Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Didier Operti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
The situation in Africa (S/1998/813)		
Other matters		

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

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| 10 a.m. | 61st PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |
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1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/53/L.37) [157].
 2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));
 - (b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

22nd meeting

Conference
Room 2

1. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84] (A/53/136 and Add.1*, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661, A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20)

General debate

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Guam (A/53/23 (Part VIII), chap. XII, para. 9))

* To be issued

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

49th meeting

Conference
Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.39, L.49, L.57 and L.58

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.60

4. Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.52, L.54 and L.55

5. Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.22/Rev.1 and L.23 (programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.62)

6. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.33, L.40, L.46 and L.50

7. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.38, L.43, L.51 and L.61

8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.

29th meeting

Conference
Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [163]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.14

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13 (A/C.5/53/35)**Introduction and general discussion*

3. Human resources management [119] (A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Continuation of general discussion

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
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Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
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Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Subject

Standards of accommodation for air travail

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
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2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 (Bali Declaration and Plan of Action on regional and sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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AFRICAN GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

COORDINATING BUREAU

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
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GROUP OF 77 (Brainstorming session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Coordination meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, *today*, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) *today*, 18 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) *today*, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Thursday, 19 November 1998

Fifty-third session

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/53/219) [48].
2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/53/L.34) [37].

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: draft resolution (A/53/L.16) [59].

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

3 p.m. 50th meeting Conference Room 1

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m. 34th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance (item 20)*

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

*International Day of Solidarity
with the Palestinian People*

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work)*) on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal presentations

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "World Development Report 1998/99: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Symposium

A symposium on a Universal Networking Language (an electronic language accessible to Internet users and compatible with standard network servers), organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University, will be held on Thursday, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal briefing

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Costa Rica and Canada on their intersessional initiative in support of Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum (International arrangements and mechanisms to promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests) will be held on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 16 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

47th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Victoria Sandru (Romania), reported on the outcome of informal consultations and orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Chairman made a statement.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.32

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cameroon and Japan, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.35

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Guinea-Bissau and Senegal, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.36

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.37

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Armenia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, France, Iceland, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Uruguay, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.40

The representative of Peru, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi,

Cameroon, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Japan, Mali, Nepal, Pakistan, Portugal, Sierra Leone and Ukraine, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.41

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Croatia, Monaco, Panama and Ukraine, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.42

The Secretary made a technical correction to the draft resolution.

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Panama, the Philippines, Senegal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.44

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Niger and the Sudan, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.48

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bolivia, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, India, the Philippines and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovenia, Swaziland, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.30

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mozambique orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.31

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Cameroon, Guinea, Liberia, Malawi, Sierra Leone and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.56

The representative of Slovenia orally revised the revised draft resolution.

Cameroon, Ireland and Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Following statements by the representatives of Egypt and Algeria, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, the United States and Ecuador.

The Committee then concluded its consideration of the item.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Malta, Mozambique and the Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the United States and Israel, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 146 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The observer for Palestine made a statement

The Committee then concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Chile, Estonia and the Marshall Islands had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Egypt, the Sudan, Yemen, Iraq and Fiji spoke in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate vote on operative paragraphs 4, 13, 15 and 17 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraphs 4, 13, 15 and 17 by a recorded vote of 88 to 1, with 55 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole was then adopted by a recorded vote of 92 to 2, with 56 abstentions.

After the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Kuwait.

Right of reply

The representative of Turkey made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee was also informed of the draft proposals which would be introduced as well as the draft proposals which would be acted upon at its next meeting.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

30th and 31st meetings

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.11.

It was announced that Bulgaria and Italy had joined as co-sponsors to the draft resolution.

The draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.11 was adopted without a vote. The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of his position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Algeria, Bahrain, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN), Dominican Republic (also on behalf of the Central American States and Panama), Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, the Netherlands and Guatemala

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

It was announced that the Ukraine had joined as co-sponsor to draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12.

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal [156]

The draft decision A/C.6/53/L.10 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3944th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

Letter dated 8 September 1998 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/839)

Letter dated 22 October 1998 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/990)

Letter dated 6 November 1998 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1040)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion on the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1082, which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Slovenia joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1082.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1082) before it.

Before the vote, the representative of China made a statement.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1082) received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (China), and was adopted as resolution 1207 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

60th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine clearance [42]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/496)*;

(b) *Draft resolution (A/53/L.28)*

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Japan, the United States, Norway, Australia, Yemen, Uruguay, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, China, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan, Croatia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, San Marino and Angola.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.28 (resolution 53/26).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 42.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

21st meeting

Questions relating to information [86]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Austria (also on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), the Syrian Arab Republic, Nepal, Algeria, Haiti, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Yemen, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay and Benin.

Statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, as well as by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in paragraph 48 of document A/53/21/Rev.1.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

48th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.52

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.54

The representative of Jordan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan and Mauritania.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.55

The representative of Sweden introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bolivia, Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Malta, Paraguay, Swaziland and Uruguay.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Introduction of draft resolutions**Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.46*

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cuba, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sweden and the United States, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.50

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Guinea, the Philippines, the

Russian Federation, Togo, Ukraine and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.38

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.43

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.47

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Portugal, introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of the Congo withdrew from the list of co-sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.59

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia and the United States, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.61

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Croatia, Iceland and the United Arab Emirates, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar, Panama, the Solomon Islands and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 82 votes to 1 with 67 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by Mexico and Chile in explanation of vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that El Salvador, Guinea, Malawi, the Republic of Korea and Sierra Leone had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar and Uganda had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.48

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Panama and the Russian Federation had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China, as well as by the Secretary and the Chairman.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

32nd and 33rd meetings

Note: The summary of the 32nd and 33rd meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/223).

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1998

356th and 357th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee considered the third periodic report of Hungary (CAT/C/34/Add.10). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

*Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Con-
vention [6]*

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1998

31st and 32nd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and
17 of the Covenant [6]*

The Committee considered the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.30). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of

procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete
the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990*

Ratification: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(9 November 1998)*

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete
the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992*

Ratification: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(9 November 1998)*

Acceptance: Slovenia (13 November 1998)*

*Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on
Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997*

Ratification: Tuvalu (16 November 1998)*

*Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication
Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations.
Tampere, 18 June 1998*

Signature: Lebanon (17 November 1998)

Signature: United States of America (17 November
1998)

*Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime
Organization. London, 4 November 1993*

Acceptance: Ireland (16 November 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal *today*, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

Special events

The third United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "The Future of Audio-visual Memory" will take place on 19 and 20 November 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum, organized by the Department of Public Information, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will open on Thursday, 19 November, at 9.45 a.m. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, will address the Forum. Mr. Conrad Black, Chairman, Telegraph Group Ltd., will be the keynote speaker. The Forum provides a venue for an ongoing professional dialogue between the United Nations and the television industry, to highlight themes of common interest and identify specific areas for cooperation. The overall theme for Thursday, 19 November, will be "Looking at the 20th Century", and for Friday, 20 November, "Towards the 21st Century".

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of

the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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